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REMARKS

This application is currently on appeal pursuant to the notice of appeal filed October 12, 2005. No appeal brief has yet been filed.

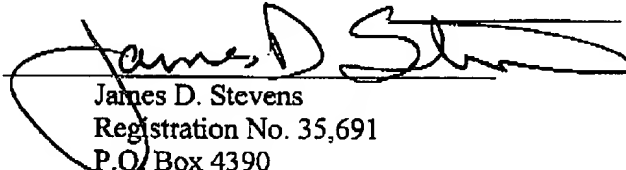
This amendment is being filed to correct informalities in claims 24 and 41. In claim 24, the semi-colon at the end of the claim has been replaced with a period. Claim 41 has been amended so that it is dependent from claim 40, not claim 34. This change to claim 41 does not broaden the claim, but rather provides proper antecedent basis for claim 41. Neither of these changes raise new issues or are of a nature that requires further consideration.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if doing so would advance prosecution of this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0852 for any required fees, or credit any overpayment associated with this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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